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Octopus – Not a Supplier and Trading Insolvent

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The sale of our publicly owned Electricity Boards and Gas Boards in the early 1990s by the Conservative Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher to private, profit-making corporations, who are usually foreign was a treasonous crime against the people. Gas and electricity serve basic needs and living standards; they are not luxury item.

This injustice has been compounded by the extortionate prices in recent years. The regulator, Ofgem, has allowed millions of families to be put in debt, while most suppliers announce record profits and payments to their executives officers.

We often naively assume that a company claiming to be a supplier of electricity and/or gas is actually legally recognized and authorised as such; but is your electricity supplier actually a legal supplier of electricity? If we do our research we may find that our supplier isn’t a legal supplier after all, and they have been misleading us with false information; see our post on E.ON.

We should always investigate any company coming after us for payment without a signed contract to find out who they really are, and what authorization they have to be making unlawful claims against us. We can start with Companies House where all companies operating in England and Wales are required to be registered with a SIC Code for them to operate legally.

Check the bill, statement, or letter the company has sent to you and look for their company number. They often hide it at the bottom in small text as they don’t want you to realize that they are a for-profit corporation.

The Octopus website for members of the public who may want a supplier, says at the bottom of the home page: Octopus Energy Ltd is a company registered in England and Wales. Registered number: 09263424. Registered office: UK House, 5th floor, 164-182 Oxford Street, London, W1D 1NN. <https://octopus.energy> (<https://octopus.energy>)

Now we can check that information on Companies House:

- Go to <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/companies-house> (<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/companies-house>);
- click on “find company information” which will take you here: <https://www.gov.uk/get-information-about-a-company> (<https://www.gov.uk/get-information-about-a-company>);
- then click on the green button “start now” which will take you here <https://find-and-update.company-information.service.gov.uk> (<https://find-and-update.company-information.service.gov.uk>);
- type the name of the company or the company number into the box and click on the magnifying glass.

If we search on Octopus Energy and scroll down the page to find the SIC code we can find out what they are registered to do; in this case, they are not listed as suppliers of electricity or gas but ‘traders’. Is this because the SIC Code for Suppliers doesn’t exist on Companies House?

Code: 35210 Manufacture of gas

Search SIC 35210

Code: 35220 Distribution of gaseous fuels through mains

Search SIC 35220

Code: 35230 Trade of gas through mains

Search SIC 35230

Code: 35300 Steam and air conditioning supply

Search SIC 35300

The UK currently uses **729 SIC codes** as defined in the 2007 revision of the Standard Industrial Classification system. This classification is used to categorize businesses based on their economic activity. How can that category for ‘Electricity Supplier’ or ‘Gas Supplier’ not exist if the companies say that they are suppliers? The word ‘Trader’ could imply that they just buy and sell in the market for profit, and not to customers as an investment bank would? The distinction between retail banks and investment banks exists so why isn’t there a distinction between suppliers and traders of gas and electricity?

OCTOPUS ENERGY LIMITED

Company number **09263424**

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Registered office address

Uk House, 5th Floor, 164-182 Oxford Street, London, United Kingdom, W1D 1NN

Company status

Active

Company type

Private limited Company

Incorporated on

14 October 2014

Accounts

Next accounts made up to 30 April 2023 due by 31 January 2024

Last accounts made up to 30 April 2022

Confirmation statement

Next statement date 30 April 2024 due by 14 May 2024

Last statement dated 30 April 2023

Nature of business (SIC)

35140 - Trade of electricity
35230 - Trade of gas through mains

Previous company names

Name	Period
MERCURY ENERGY SUPPLY LIMITED	14 Oct 2014 - 21 Aug 2015

Octopus Energy Limited is registered at Companies House as a ‘trader’ and not as a supplier. Suppliers are authorised by the government department of Ofgem and overseen by the Secretary of State. We can search the list here: <https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications/list-all-electricity-licensees-including-suppliers> (<https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications/list-all-electricity-licensees-including-suppliers>).

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY (DOMESTIC & NON-DOM)	OCTOPUS ENERGY LTD.	09263424
ELECTRICITY SUPPLY (DOMESTIC & NON-DOM)	OCTOPUS ENERGY OPERATIONS 2 LTD.	05070887
ELECTRICITY SUPPLY (DOMESTIC & NON-DOM)	OCTOPUS ENERGY OPERATIONS LTD.	14415312

There is an anomaly between what they state on Companies House, and the status that Ofgem has granted.

*The Electricity Act 1989, c. 29m Part I, Licensing of supply etc. s6
Licences authorising supply, etc.
(1)The Authority may grant any of the following licences—
(d) a licence authorising a person to supply electricity to premises (“a supply licence”) <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1989/29/section/6> (<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1989/29/section/6>)*

Interesting that the legislation uses the work ‘premises’ implying that electricity is being supplied to businesses? Is this the same as the anomaly in council tax which applies to a ‘dwelling’, which means a business, and not a home.

If Octopus use a third party to enter, who cannot prove that they are an employee of a licensed supplier, then they have no rights under Schedule 6 to cut you off. Being cut off is very rare; they are more likely to threaten to fit a prepay meter or a smart meter, but you can decline the offer of both. <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1989/29/schedule/6/enacted> (<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1989/29/schedule/6/enacted>)

To be a regstered supplier with Ofgem they must demonstrate adequate financial resources to support operations, including creditworthiness and funding for operational costs. But further investigation will show that Octopus Energy is trading insolvent. You can do a search on Endole which has more info than Companies House <https://www.endole.co.uk/> (<https://www.endole.co.uk/>).

This website shows that the liabilities, what they owe, are greater than their assets; this means possible insolvency and bankruptcy. <https://suite.endole.co.uk/insight/search/?q=octopus+energy> (<https://suite.endole.co.uk/insight/search/?q=octopus+energy>)




Octopus Energy Limited

Uk House, 5th Floor, 164-182 Oxford Street, London, W1D 1NN


Status	ACTIVE	Assets	£1.8b
Company No.	09263424	Liabilities	£-2.05b
Website	Octopus.energy	Net Assets	£-249.9m


People [Mr Christopher Robert Hulatt, Mr Greg Sean Jackson & 13 others](#)


A search on the Financial Conduct Authority website shows that Octopus Energy Reference number: 790335 is no longer registered as an Appointed Representative with the FCA, which states: “*Do not start to do regulated business with an AR that is no longer registered*”. <https://register.fca.org.uk/s/firm?id=001b00000410gqzAAA> (<https://register.fca.org.uk/s/firm?id=001b00000410gqzAAA>)





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Search




Octopus Energy Limited

Reference number: 790335

This firm is no longer registered with the FCA as an Appointed Representative of an authorised firm, and can no longer carry on regulated activities.

Do not start to do regulated business with an AR that is no longer registered.

No longer registered as an Appointed Representative

 **Some activities by this firm may not be protected**

This firm is shown on the Register because it was previously an Appointed Representative.

If something has gone wrong, you can complain to this AR or to this AR's principal firm. You may also be able to then complain against the principal to the **Financial Ombudsman Service** (FOS), or claim from the **Financial Services Compensation Scheme** (FSCS) if the principal firm has gone out of business owing you money. Alternatively, FSCS can sometimes consider claims against failed ARs if they did something the principal didn't allow them to do. **Please refer to the section below on 'How are customers protected' for more detail.**

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Who was this firm?

Firm details

Check details about this firm's place of business, contact details, etc.



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An Appointed Representative (AR) is a firm or individual that conducts regulated activities on behalf of an FCA-authorized firm, known as the Principal Firm. Their Principal firms appear to have been Help-Link UK Limited and Homeserve Membership Limited who are also the Principal for E.ON.

Name	Firm reference number	AR Relationship	Effective from	Effective to
↓A	↓A	↓A	∨	∨
<u>Help-Link UK Limited</u>	689798	Full	06 Sept 2018	31 Mar 2019
<u>Homeserve Membership Limited</u>	312518	Full	03 Oct 2017	28 Nov 2022

Homeserve Membership Limited

So Octopus used to be an ‘Introducer’ for Homeserve Membership Limited as listed by the FCA. This page reveals that the company has regularly changed its name and has previously been known as Anglian Water Direct, Bristol Water, Folkestone And Dover Water, Hartlepool Water, and Mid-Kent Water.

Why is an Ofgem authorised electricity supplier an ‘introducer’ for a financial services company that was previously known as a water company and changes its name every few years?

This firm has been subject to disciplinary or regulatory action. That action may be historic or it may currently affect the regulated activities they are permitted to do. Check the record and contact the FCA if you need further help.

On 12 February 2014, the FCA imposed a financial penalty on HomeServe Membership Limited (“HML”) of £30,647,400. This penalty is in respect of breaches of Principles 3, 6 and 7 of the FCA’s Principles for Businesses, during the period from 14 January 2005 to 27 October 2011 (“the Relevant Period”). HML agreed to settle at an early stage of the FCA’s investigation and therefore qualified for a 30% (stage 1) discount under the FCA’s executive settlement procedures. Were it not for this discount, the FCA would have imposed a financial penalty of £43,782,058 on HML.

HML is an insurance intermediary, which advises on and arranges home emergency and repairs insurance cover. HML failed to embed a robust culture with adequate focus on compliance and treating customers fairly.

If you are concerned you’ve been scammed by Octopus the FCA recommends that consumers in England, Wales or Northern Ireland should immediately contact the FCA (<https://fca.org.uk/contact>) and Action Fraud (<https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/>); consumers in Scotland should immediately contact the FCA (<https://fca.org.uk/contact>) and Police Scotland. (<https://www.scotland.police.uk/>)

According to their customer website: “Octopus Energy Ltd is a company registered in England and Wales. Registered number: 09263424. Registered office: UK House, 5th floor, 164-182 Oxford Street, London, W1D 1NN”. So they are telling us that the customer-facing company is Octopus Energy Limited. <https://octopus.energy> (<https://octopus.energy>).

The Octopus Energy Group has a number of companies. The holding company is Octopus Energy Group Limited (09718624), which has the following subsidiaries:

- Octopus Energy Limited (09263424)
- Octopus Energy Services Limited (10434397),
- Octopus Energy Operations Limited (14415312),
- Kraken Technologies Limited (12014731) and
- KrakenFlex Limited (09115827)

As we have seen on the Octopus Energy website, the customer-facing business that is an alleged ‘supplier’ is Octopus Energy Limited. However, this company sometimes claims to be Octopus Energy Services Limited which is in fact an investment company. They probably hide behind this company because it isn’t insolvent. <https://octopusinvestments.com> (<https://octopusinvestments.com>)



Octopus Energy Services Limited

Uk House, 5th Floor, 164-182 Oxford Street, London, W1D 1NN

Status	ACTIVE	Assets	£15.13m
Company No.	10434397	Liabilities	£-14.06m
Website	Octopusinvestments.com	Net Assets	£1.08m

People Mr John Szymik, Mr Greg Sean Jackson & 7 others

If the company is leading you to believe they are supplying your electricity but they are in fact trading electricity, isn’t that fraud by misrepresentation?

See this post regarding Haste Limited who are employed by Octopus to illegally harass people who say they’ve changed their meters due to alleged ‘safety’ issues:

This means that if they try to enter your home under The Electricity Act for anything listed under schedule six you can refuse them entry and if they force entry you can sue them in the County Court for damages and fraud because they are not employees of the supplier.

Fraud Act 2006

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15/01/2007

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Fraud by false representation

(1) A person is in breach of this section if he—

(a) dishonestly makes a false representation, and

(b) intends, by making the representation—

(i) to make a gain for himself or another, or

(ii) to cause loss to another or to expose another to a risk of loss.

(2) A representation is false if—

(a) it is untrue or misleading, and

(b) the person making it knows that it is, or might be, untrue or misleading.

(3) "Representation" means any representation as to fact or law, including a representation as to the state of mind of—

(a) the person making the representation, or

(b) any other person.

(4) A representation may be express or implied.

(5) For the purposes of this section a representation may be regarded as made if it (or anything implying it) is submitted in any form to any system or device designed to receive, convey or respond to communications (with or without human intervention).

Holding them to Account

Who will hold Octopus to account? Ofgem? Is Ofgem fit for purpose? The HOC Committee doesn’t thinks so: “*We are not convinced that Ofgem yet has the skills and capacity it needs to take a more proactive role in regulating the energy supplier market.*” <https://publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm5803/cmselect/cmpubacc/41/report.html> (<https://publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm5803/cmselect/cmpubacc/41/report.html>)

Or will someone sue them in court misrepresentation and lack of regulatory compliance? And would Ofgem, the FCA, or Companies House be exposed for lack of due diligence?

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David Craik says:
Oct 12, 2023 at 5:54 pm
I put in a Freedom of Information to the National Grid asking them if they supply every home in the UK with pre paid gas and electricity. They have come back with the answer “No”. However I suspect that they are dodging the question as the National Grid exists under a group of companies. Any suggestions to how to correctly phrase the next FOIA would be appreciated.

↩ Reply

Awakened-GB says:

Oct 13, 2023 at 6:12 pm

Do a search on Companies House and endole to see what companies they have registered and what the SIC code describes the nature of their business. National Grid provides the network of pipes and cables so they wouldn't admit outright to being a supplier. Questions around who puts the electricity and gas into the network? Who buys it? Who owns it?

↪ Reply

Lesley says:

Sep 25, 2024 at 10:39 am

maybe you could write a FOI to the 'government' and ask how much they have sent the national grid to pre pay our gas and electricity? Or could ask them how much they have recieved from the 'government' I'm going to to this today and send it off . Then if they don't comply I will report them to the ICO

↪ Reply

Gemma Jones says:

Oct 27, 2024 at 11:27 am

You put 'every home' and they won't supply every home because some homes are off grid.
Maybe ask what areas they supply and do they supply all the homes in those areas that have a supply.

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